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WILSON ORDERS TROOPS BE HELD FOR ANY EMERGENCY ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

Further Movements Are to Be Subject to Word from General Funston.

FERGUSON IN APPEAL

Texas Governor Asks That More Soldiers Be Sent.—Scott at El Paso.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—General Funston was killed today near Laredo, Texas, near here, by soldiers and peace officers. The soldiers, shortly before daylight, went to a ranch house near Laredo where it was reported a Mexican, accused of wounding a night watchman last night, was hiding. The Mexican was arrested and was shot when he made a break to escape.

General and United States regulars today had the upper hand in the struggle throughout the section extending 100 miles north of Brownsville. Armed men are traveling from town to town, half armed and smoking pipes of peace.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson yesterday took up the situation in the Mexican border with his cabinet. The cabinet members, including Secretary of War D. H. Hughes, and General Funston, discussed the situation and gave directions that sufficient troops be held back for any emergency.

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A detailed statement of the handling of the troops has been held before the president and the cabinet. The statement shows that the troops are being held for any emergency.

General Funston, chief of staff of the army, has been ordered to remain at El Paso to be ready for any emergency. The war department is keeping a close watch on the situation.

Secretary Breckinridge said after his conference with the president that General Funston had asked for no more troops and that none would be sent without his request.

The Carranza agency's dispatches today contained a categorical denial from General Nafarrete that any of his troops had crossed into Texas.

Reports of Fighting Erroneous. Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—Reports of fighting between Mexican bandits and citizens last night at Edinburg are shown today to have been erroneous and to have originated through failure of a messenger who called Brownsville by telephone to give details before he left the instrument. The messenger evidently had been sent from the scene of the impending attack to call for aid and, without having definite information, told the Brownsville office that fighting was in progress. A few armed men were seen, but there was no firing. No further outbreaks have been reported.

Officials here, in answer to the statement of General Nafarrete, Carranza commander at Matamoros, declaring he did not have 500 troops on the border, say there were more than 2,000 troops in the zone described by the Mexican general. Nafarrete had made the statement to show that the supposed 1,000 Mexicans reported to have crossed into Texas in stir up uprisings were not Carranza followers, as was reported.

Although few depredations on the part of the bands of Mexican raiders were reported here in the last 24 hours, the situation is still tense.

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Campanipaw at New York. New York, Aug. 12.—The steamer Campanipaw, formerly the German oil tanker Deutschland, which was held up at Rotterdam since August, 1914, reached New York today. A provisional American register was granted at Rotterdam.

St. Louis Teamsters Strike. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 12.—A strike of teamsters, which began here today, when 200 men employed by two transfer companies, walked out, extended shortly before noon to practically every teaming firm in the city. Between 1,200 and 1,500 men are now on strike. The teamsters want more pay.

Standard Advances Wages. Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 12.—Mechanics and laborers employed by the Standard Oil company at its refinery here will be granted a 10 per cent wage increase effective Sept. 1, it was announced today. About 1,500 men are affected.

NEW APPEAL GOES TO MEXICO CHIEFS

No Further Conference With Latin American Diplomats Until Reply Is Received.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The inter-American appeal to all nations in Mexico agreed on by the Pan-American conference is expected to go forward today. The text will not be made public until it has been completed in all the needs of the situation and governments of the Mexican states. There has been some difficulty in assembling the leading Mexican officials in whom the appeal is addressed, but this may be practically complete. Secretary Lansing said today there would be no further conference with the Latin American diplomats until replies have been received.

No change in the Vera Cruz situation was reported in many department dispatches. Secretary Daniels said the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire were still "proceeding southward." Today the ships are off the Florida coast. They will go directly to Mexican waters in the vicinity of Vera Cruz, is generally expected.

General Villa's proposal of a three months' truce for a peace convention has been rejected by this government. Villa's offer, it was suggested, would be valuable in adding further plans of the Pan-American conference with regard to Mexico after replies have been received to the appeal for peace.

Announcement was made here today on behalf of General Villa by his Washington agents that all the civil and military elements of his party would eliminate themselves if necessary for the success of a Mexican peace conference.

Villa's proposal was contained in a telegram from Diaz Lombardo, his secretary of state, to his agents here. The telegram said that the government would not accept the proposal.

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CAP HAITIEN HAS FRESH UPRISINGS

Rear Admiral Caperton Reports He Has Been Forced to Establish Military Rule.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—New uprisings by the Bobo and Zamor factions have broken out at Cap Haitien and have forced Rear Admiral Caperton to establish military rule in the city. This statement was issued in the navy department.

Admiral Caperton reports that on account of disturbed conditions in and around Cap Haitien, due to the Bobo and Zamor factions, it has become necessary to take military control of the town and conduct affairs in the same manner as at Port au Prince. Civil officials are employed where it is possible and suitable men can be obtained.

Commander Olmsted, commanding officer of the Nashville, has been placed in charge and has a battalion of blue jackets from the Connecticut ashore to assist in maintaining order.

TYPOS' CONVENTION TALKING PENSIONS

Los Angeles, Aug. 12.—Financial business session of the Typographical union in convention here, were to be held today. A large portion of the meeting delegates plan to leave tomorrow for San Francisco and San Diego to attend the exposition.

Discussion on proposed amendments to increase pensions which resulted in considerable argument at the session yesterday afternoon was expected today.

The members were proposed by opposition members but they made no headway although several changes looking to an increase from five to six or seven dollars a week were suggested.

ELEVEN CENT STAMP IS TO BE TURNED OUT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—An 11-cent stamp, the first of this denomination to be issued, has been authorized by Postmaster General Burleson to meet the parcel post demand. It is to be distributed to postmasters throughout the country.

The new stamp is dark green and bears the profile head of Benjamin Franklin from the Boston Post.

The new stamp is designed to meet the demand for one stamp to cover insurance and C. O. D. charges on parcel post matter. In addition, all parcels for local delivery weighing 12 or 13 pounds carry 11 cents postage as do parcels weighing seven pounds in the first and second zones.

PEACEMOVE NOT SEEN IN GRAIN HALT

James A. Patten Believes Europe Has Found New Source of Supply.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 12.—Cancellation yesterday by representatives of the allies of contracts aggregating nearly 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, bought for September shipment to Europe was pointing to the grain trade early today.

Not only were cancellations reported by Chicago exporters, but some seaboard exporters claimed to have closed out open contracts. Canadian exporters also reported some cancellations.

James A. Patten, a former board of trade operator, discussing the cancellations, said: "If peace were in sight, Europe would still need wheat and she would have the credit to get it. The cancellations of orders therefore would seem to indicate one of two things. Either Europe has found a source of new supply which means Russia or Europe finds that she cannot pay."

It was said that two of the largest firms which cancelled were the Armour Grain company and the J. Rosenthal Grain company.

George C. Marry of the Armour Grain company said: "I am unable to understand what has happened. It must be something important or they would not have cancelled purchases that show such profits and give them away. Possibly it is that the Russians are to be opened. But we have no information. Our own wants to hold her gold and in buying wheat in Canada and Australia she can see her credit and keep her gold with which to buy ammunition. It Europe does not buy wheat freely it will mean much to us and make a great deal of difference in prices."

Emmanuel E. Rosenbaum of the J. Rosenthal company said: "Our own cancellations were not very heavy. It was about 2 in the afternoon when the buying stopped. The European buyers started to buy out of their purchases perceiving a loss from the fact that the Russians are to be opened. It Europe does not buy wheat freely it will mean much to us and make a great deal of difference in prices."

New York, Aug. 12.—Nobody in authority at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., it was said today, knew anything about the cancellation of orders for 2,000,000 bushels of wheat by representatives of the allies.

All the Morgan orders for wheat and other supplies for the allies have been under the supervision of E. A. Steinhilber, president of the Diamond Match company, who is in charge of the export department of the Morgan firm. Through his secretary Mr. Steinhilber repeated today a previous statement in which he asserted that J. P. Morgan & Co. had not cancelled any orders and that the suggestion that they had done so was ridiculous.

When the statements of Messrs. Marry and Rosenbaum telling of the cancellations were brought to the secretary's attention with the suggestion that Mr. Steinhilber might care to comment on them, the secretary brought word that these were matters with which the Morgan firm was not concerned.

RAISING STEAMER WITH BIG CRANES

Expected Eastland Will Be on Even Keel by Night—Nets to Catch Bodies That May Appear.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 12.—With most of the water pumped out of the hold of the steamship Eastland, divers fastened the hooks of powerful cranes to the sides of the vessel today, preparatory to the final operations of placing the ship on even keel. The boat, it was expected, would be raised before night.

Nets were stretched across the Chicago river for the purpose of catching any bodies which might be carried down stream by the current when the boat is hoisted from the river bed. All river traffic was to be halted during the raising operations until divers ascertained that no more bodies are buried in the mud.

The relief fund, which now totals \$475,000, will be distributed to survivors of the disaster in lump payments, according to a plan announced by J. J. O'Connor, in charge of the Chicago division of the American Red Cross. For a few special cases, however, a pension plan has been devised. Indications are, Mr. O'Connor said, that every dollar contributed will go to the beneficiaries, as the relief workers have incurred no expense in making the collections or meeting other details.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—President Wilson is preparing to make a detailed study of all information obtainable regarding the Eastland disaster in Chicago, with a view to learning whether any federal officials were in any way to blame for the loss of life resulting from the capsizing of the excursion steamer.

The president will confer with Secretary Redfield regarding the Eastland just as soon as he finds it possible.

Solicitor Thurman of the department of commerce today took to the White house a detailed report of the steps taken by Secretary Redfield in Chicago to investigate the disaster.

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RUSS HOLD IN CHECK DRIVE FOR CAPITAL

Baltic Flank of Germans Still Struggles to Cut Chief Railway Line.

MEET ENLARGED FORCE

Army of Czar Said to Have Been Reinforced—Withdraw From Warsaw.

Berlin, Aug. 12, (via London, 4:45 p. m.).—The Polish city of Siedlce, 35 miles southeast of Warsaw, has been captured by the Germans. Announcement to this effect was made today at army headquarters.

The city of Siedlce lies directly in the path of the Teutonic forces which pressed westward from Warsaw after the capture of that place. It is in this section that the Austro-German forces are advancing most rapidly. Siedlce is the capital of the province of that name and has some 25,000 inhabitants.

London, Aug. 12, 12:45 p. m.—Two Russians for the time being are holding in check the Baltic flank of the German armies which are struggling to cut the Warsaw-Petrograd railway and are pushing toward the Dvina, beyond which lie the roads to the Russian capital. They have been accomplished with the aid of reinforcements and by virtue of a counter attack after another.

The fortress of Koyne still holds out. German attacks toward Riga have been repulsed and the railway junction at Dykav, remaining in Russian hands. From Petrograd, north of Warsaw to the south, the Teutons claim to have made further progress but we cannot be sure of the exact situation. The Russian wings will insure the safe withdrawal of the main body of troops from the Warsaw salient. Contrary to many reports, the main line of communication between the Polish capital and Petrograd has not been cut through. It would be cut if the Germans were to take Plock.

The approaching meetings of both the Greek and Serbian parliaments give promise of bringing the Balkan situation to a head, though for the moment Greece and Serbia remain obdurate in their refusal to concede territory.

First Russian Town Entered. Berlin, Aug. 12, (by wireless to Saville, N. Y.).—"The first real Russian town, not Polish, town of some importance, entered by the Germans was Vladimir, says an item given out today by the Overseas News agency: "Retreating Cossacks set fire to the buildings. As the Cossacks galloped away, German cavalry arrived at the other end of the town. The incoming troops tried to stop the fire, but with small success, and the central part of the city was entirely destroyed, the burned buildings including stores, restaurants and hotels. The suburbs and surrounding rural districts, the officers' residences, barracks, messes, schools and churches were spared."

"The German cavalry commander restored order and established a military and also a civil government, the latter by appointing three administrative presidents, a Pole, a Russian and a Jew."

WIFE MURDERER PUT TO DEATH IN LONDON

London, Aug. 12.—George Joseph Smith, the wife murderer, was hanged today at Maidstone.

Smith was found guilty by a jury on July 1. He was accused of murdering three wives in order to collect insurance money on their lives. In each case the victim was found drowned in a bathtub soon after the wedding ceremony.

After Smith was sentenced to death, the court, comprising the jury on his verdict, declared that the prisoner had gone through the ceremony of marriage with two other women, both of whom he had robbed of considerable sums of money.

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Music Teacher Drowned. Chattanooga, Ill., Aug. 12.—Miss Zella Winslow, a music teacher, was drowned today in four feet of water at the high school swimming pool. It is thought she was overcome by heart trouble. Miss Winslow was a native of Paul, Ind.

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IS PROUD TO GIVE A SON TO COUNTRY

President Congratulates Mrs. Gompers, Whose Boy Dies in Haiti

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—President Wilson has written to Mrs. Sophia Gompers of Brooklyn, N. Y., mother of William Gompers, the sailor killed by a Haitian sniper during the American occupation of Port au Prince, Haiti. The president's letter was in reply to one from Mrs. Gompers, in which she said she was proud that her son had died in the service of his country, but that as he had been her sole support she hoped the government could help her in some way.

The president's letter, given out today at the White house, follows: "I have read your letter of Aug. 3 with the deepest sympathy. I feel like congratulating you on having a son whose dignity it was to die in the service of his country, but my heart goes out to you none the less in profound sympathy."

"I am sure it would be the desire of every one connected with the public service to see that you did not suffer need because of your son's death. I am sending your letter to the secretary of the navy to inquire whether there is any possibility under the law as it stands, of assisting you. I fear there is not, but I am sure the secretary of the navy will wish to consider the matter very fully."

ELDER EBERSOLE IS CHIEF SUSPECT

South Bend Police Satisfied Son Knows Little Concerning Macklin Girl's Death Mystery.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 12.—Confident that the son, Newton Ebersole, 20 years old, knew nothing of the murder last October of 15-year-old Elsie Macklin, until after the commission of the crime, the police today turned their attention to her father, Elias N. Ebersole, former Dickard minister, who is in jail here. This was, however, will be held in the Goddard jail, pending the investigation. Ebersole was held by the police for a few hours at the time the girl's body was discovered in a vault on Island park, was but released.

An old canvas telescope bag, which the police assert was carried by the Macklin girl when she left the home of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Miller, to meet a Dunkard and his wife to take employment and which the police assert was found in the house recently in custody by Ebersole, led to the arrest of the former minister.

MILITARY BURIAL FOR DEAD FLYER

Funeral Services for Captain Knox Held at Fort Sill—Lieutenant Sutton Improves.

Fort Sill, Okla., Aug. 12.—Military honors today were accorded the body of Captain George H. Knox, who was killed here Thursday when an aeroplane, which he was piloting over the United States army maneuvers grounds, fell a distance of 450 feet. Funeral services were held at Fort Sill. Knox's body, escorted by two companies of the Nineteenth infantry and the quarter-master's corps, was taken to a railway station to be sent to New York for burial.

Lieutenant R. B. Sutton, who also fell with the aeroplane at the time Captain Knox was killed, is in the hospital here, but will be out within three days, according to army physicians.

FRIENDS TRY TO GET BONDS FOR CASHIER

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 12.—Leo Perrin, whose alleged second confession led to his arrest yesterday in connection with the disappearance of \$20,000 of the Cedar Rapids National bank's funds, spent today in the city prison. Meanwhile friends and relatives worked hard to raise the \$5,000 bail necessary to obtain his release.

The grand jury to which Perrin was bound in Justice Nugent's court last yesterday, meets in September.

Perrin today retained as his counsel Joseph Donnelly, the attorney who Wednesday gave \$2,000 to the bank of funds, saying Perrin had given it to him.

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Unsettled weather, showers tonight and probably Saturday; not much change in temperature. Temperature at 7 a. m. today, 64. Highest yesterday, 78. Lowest last night, 62. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., two miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. yesterday, 61; at 7 a. m. today, 83; at 1 p. m. today, 51. Stage of water at 7 a. m. today, 7.8 feet, a fall of 2 feet in the last 24 hours.

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TEUTON FLYERS IN ANOTHER RAID OVER ENGLAND COAST KILL AND WOUND RESIDENTS

ALPINE FORCE IN PASSES REPULSE

Italians Successful in Battle With Austrians at an Altitude of 10,000 Feet.

Rome, Aug. 12, (via Paris, Aug. 12).—The effectiveness of Italian Alpine troops in repulsing two Austrian attempts to cross the frontier through passes of the Alps at an altitude of 10,000 feet is praised by the Italian war office in today's official statement. The announcement says: "In the steep rugged zone of the Furca valley, the enemy, who on the fourth had reconnoitered by patrols which were immediately driven back through the Vico pass (10,000 feet high) delivered an attack on the night of the fifth across the Furca glacier against our troops posted near the head of the same name, while another detachment advanced through the Celestine pass (11,000 feet) against those of our troops who occupied the Alpina Crest. The watchfulness of our Alpine troops who, notwithstanding glaciers and high peaks are incessantly active, succeeded in frustrating this bold double maneuver and the enemy was repulsed. He was then counter attacked and forced to flee."

In causing small encounters during the night of the fifth and sixth in the high valleys of Anser and Visdole, in one of these fields the enemy prisoners to light infantry."

Isolated infantry and artillery regiments also took place in Carnia in the valley of the Torvent of Fontanafredda, an Austrian detachment trying to climb the Italian slope was attacked and put to flight.

"On the Carso plateau during the day of the fifth an event of special importance transpired. Fully 500 small automobiles are reported."

THE WAR TODAY

(Associated Press Summary.) Latest reports from the war office of belligerents give rise to the belief that the safe withdrawal of the main parts of Russian forces from the Warsaw salient issued through the stout resistance which is being offered by the wings of the Russian army.

The Italian war office reports the complete repulse by Alpine troops of several attacks by Austrians through two mountain passes 10,000 feet or more high in the Furca valley zone. No movements of importance elsewhere are mentioned.

The most recent Adriatic statement reports the repulse of Italian attacks on the Dohberle plateau and near Zagora.

The sinking of the British steamer Jacona, a 2,000-ton vessel, two other British craft, the steamers Oprey and Summerfield, and the Norwegian steamer Auro, presumably by attacks by German submarines, is announced. Three persons, including one woman, were drowned.

German attacks have been resumed in the Argonne, assaults being launched against trenches between Binerville and Vienne Le Chateau on the railway of La Houlette. They were repulsed after spirited fighting. The French war office reports. A German attack north of Carleul in the Artois district was easily checked, the statement adds. Quiet prevailed elsewhere along the French lines.

Further successes by forces of the entente allies in the Kamerun, a German colony in western equatorial Africa, are reported from Paris. The important post of Tingoer has been captured. The Germans retiring toward their base when an attempt to recapture the place was defeated, the allies state.

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London Officially Announces Attack With Bombs From Heavens.

ZEPPELIN IS DAMAGED

Three British Ships and One Norwegian Sunk, Presumably Subs.

London, Aug. 12, (5:05 p. m.).—Official announcement was made today of an airship raid last night on the east coast of England. Six persons were killed, 23 injured and 14 houses were damaged seriously. One Zeppelin, the announcement says, probably was damaged, but escaped.

London, Aug. 12.—Announcement was made today of the sinking of the British steamers Oprey and Summerfield and the Norwegian steamer Auro. The chief engineer, mate and the mate's wife of the Summerfield were drowned. The others on board the three vessels were landed.

The Summerfield, of 677 tons gross, was built in 1913 and owned in Liverpool. There are five British steamships Oprey.

Sinking records mention no Norwegian steamer Auro.

The 2,000-ton British steamer Jacona, which was engaged in the transatlantic trade, has been sunk. Her captain and nine members of the crew were rescued.

The Jacona sailed from Middlesbrough, England, on Aug. 11 for Quebec. She was owned by the Cairns line of London. She was built in 1885, was 118 feet long and of 2,965 tons gross.

It was announced later that the crewers Thrush and Humber had been sunk. The crew were saved.

Swedish Vessel Ashore. The Swedish steamer Kiruna is ashore on the Muckle Skerries and is likely to be a wreck. Her crew landed today at Wick, Scotland.

Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—The Krupa carried a cargo of 8,575 tons of bituminous coal.

BULGARIA STANDS BY HER PROGRAM

Minister to Italy Declares Country Deceived in Signing Treaty of Bucharest.

Rome, Aug. 12, (via Paris, Aug. 12).—The Bulgarian minister to Italy D. Rizov, discussing in the Tribune the negotiations between the Balkan states and the quadruple entente, characterizes as unjust statements that Bulgaria considers herself indispensable to the allies and is bargaining on that basis.

Bulgaria, the minister asserts, has not changed her program. She was deceived in signing the treaty of Bucharest of 1913, under the terms which she ceded to Rumania nearly 3,000 square miles of territory. What Bulgaria now wishes, he continued, is repatriation based on the principle of nationality for which the entente is contending.

The Mir of Sofia, Bulgaria, in its issue of July 13, in an editorial on the status of the negotiations between Bulgaria and Great Britain, France and Russia said: "There is no indication an understanding can be reached between Bulgaria and the entente powers. The reasons for this are numerous. Had these negotiations begun earlier in the war they would have progressed more rapidly. It is also true that if there existed greater confidence between the two parties an understanding would not have been delayed. Nevertheless the principal reason for delay is to be found elsewhere."

GERMAN OVERTURES FOR PEACE CLAIMED

London, Aug. 12, (5:15 p. m.).—Austro-German overtures for a separate peace with Russia were begun at the end of March, according to the Star, which quotes telegrams it says were taken from an Italian crew book, said to have been published today.

One of the telegrams was from the Italian ambassador at Berlin, dated April 15, in which the ambassador is quoted as saying: "Rumors of a movement for a separate peace are persistently maintained and are constantly gaining ground."

Irwan Hends Barber's Posters. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 12.—The Barber's Supply Dealers association in national convention here today elected Charles M. Dickson, Sioux City, Iowa, president, and G. G. Thomas, Des Moines, secretary.